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Location

1. The Lenin Drill Machine Factory is located about 1 km south or southwest of the closely built-up city area of Odessa, about 400 m from the railroad line running eastward and parallel to the factory, and directly on a highway leading north to the center of the city. The south corner of the factory borders on a plywood factory and a lumber yard.

Size

2. The compound measures 300 x 500 m and is rather closely built up as far as the north corner where preparations are under way to erect a new shop on the site of one which was destroyed.

History

3. The factory was probably built before World War I. The factory equipment and employees were transferred to the Urals by the Germans prior to the fall of Odessa. A large number of employees was returned to Odessa in 1947 and 1948 in order to set up new equipment and start up the Lenin Factory. War damage was slight, but two shops were blown up by the Russians during the evacuation of the machinery. One of the shops has been rebuilt. In 1947, production was resumed on a small scale.

Administration

4. The director of the factory is a Jewish civilian. Numerous commissions composed of civilians and military men up to the rank of colonel visit the factory.

Equipment

5. Factory equipment is modern and efficient. The machinery from the dismantled Raboma-Berlin (Radial Drill Machines-Berlin) has been set up in the Lenin Factory. A few milling benches have been installed. All the confiscated machinery from Berlin has not been assembled; one part is in the rear section of the compound, packed in boxes, and awaiting assembly in the large new shop.

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Production

6. The factory produces chiefly drill machines weighing 1.2 tons and will produce a heavy model weighing 2 tons when the large workshop is in operation. The equipping of the workshop will probably be completed by fall or winter 1949. At present, 30 to 35 drill machines are produced per month. At the end of the Five-Year Plan, 50 machines per month should be produced. The motors are not produced in the Lenin Factory but are mounted there. Up until now, motors have been principally of German origin.

Raw Materials

7. Cast-steel ingots or bars are shipped to the factory.

Transportation

8. At present trucks are used. The problem of transporting goods will be eased by the extension of the spur line from the lumber yard into the large new shop. Construction will probably start in summer 1949.

Electricity

Power comes from the city of Odessa. A transformer is located on the south-east wall of the large shop under construction.

Personnel

10. Eight hundred men work three shifts in most sections. When the new shop is in operation, the number of personnel will probably be doubled. About 150 German PWs worked mostly on construction jobs. Fifteen PWs were admitted to the shops only on cleaning details or transportation tasks.

Security

11. Two employees are on guard duty during each shift. A wall about 2 m high, built by PWs, surrounds the factory area.

Factory Installations

12. Sections 1 - 3 are located in one compound, which faces the entrance to the factory area. Section 1 measures 100 x 30 m, and Sections 2 and 3 measure 100 x 50 m. Cast parts are ground and polished in Section 1. In Sections 2 and 3, the parts are cut into pieces, further processed, and the threads cut. There is also a machine shop which prepares the individual cast parts for assembly.
13. The foundry and the shops where molds are made are located on the southeast edge of the compound. The foundry building is about 50 x 30 m. The erection of a new foundry is planned, because the present foundry is too small for the increased activity of the factory.
14. The Martin shop is adjacent to the new shop and has two furnaces.
15. The new shop, a one-story building about 80 x 60 m and located in the southern part of the factory compound, was set up as an assembly section. The individual parts manufactured in Sections 1 - 3 are brought here for assembling. On the first floor are to be located part of the signal and engineer offices, which are now in a small building adjacent to Section 1.

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16. The shop under construction will be the largest building of the factory. The structure, 200 x 150 m, is divided into three or four shops. The production of large models of drill machines, from the processing of the individual parts to the assembly, is to be carried out here. Foundations are being laid for the larger machinery; the mounting of the machinery should be completed by the summer of 1949.
17. The destroyed shop in the northern corner of the compound is to be reconstructed but [redacted] not in 1949.
18. A blacksmith shop and a carpenter shop are located near the large building under construction. To the northwest, close to the outside fence, a hovel-like building contains a locksmith's shop and a model carpenter shop. The repair shop is adjacent to Section 1.
19. A storehouse attached to the garage holds tools, motors, and precious metals. A building in the northeast part of the factory area is used for storing cement and building materials. A storehouse close to the foundry holds work clothes and oil from plants for the tempering shop adjoining the foundry. An old storehouse in the south corner of the compound is to be demolished soon to make way for the extension of the railroad tracks.
20. Tempering shops are located in the foundry and in a small shop adjoining the storehouse near the main entrance.
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